

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF SYDNEY
Under the Patronage of His Excellency
Sir JOHN YOUNG, K.C.B.
The Grand Spring Exhibition of the Society
held in the Lower Botanic Gardens, THIS DAY

THE SPLENDID BAND of the Volunteer Band will attend. Admission 1s; children 6d.

THE Horticultural Society's Grand Floral take place, THIS DAY. Gates opened at 11.

FLOWER SHOW, THIS DAY. Tickets made at the Battery, Domain, and principal

THE Finest Collection of ROSES ever seen w
hibited TO-DAY.

THE Grand Spring Horticultural Fete will
THIS DAY. Admission 1s.; children 6d.

THE Volunteer Full Band will be in attendance
open at 1 o'clock.

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U YOUNG, K.C.B.—The Third Spring Exhibition of Flowers, Fruits, and Vegetables will be held **THIS** afternoon in the Lower Botanic Gardens. Open from 2 to 5. Admission 1s.; children 6d.

JOHN GELDING, secy.

NEW SOUTH WALES RIFLE ASSOCIATION
—INTERCOLONIAL RIFLE MATCH
Practice Match will take place **THIS** day at 10 a.m. at the R.F.C. Rifle Range, 1000 yds. from the R.F.C. Clubhouse, 1000 yds. from the R.F.C. Clubhouse, 1000 yds. from the R.F.C. Clubhouse.

at 1 precisely.
R. W. WARD,
J. GRAFTON ROSS,
 An Omnibus will leave Mr. C. W. Roberts',
 P.M.
ALBERT CRICKET GROUND, BRIDE
 These persons desirous of consulting in an

TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES TO ENGL.
private parties, via Euz., Alexandria, M.
Marsellus, which forwarded as at the August

HE UNDERSIGNED have opened a branch firm at Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand, and intend to transact any Commercial or Agency business may be entrusted to their care.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Not hereby given, that **THOMAS WALKER, R. ALLEN HUNT, and GEORGE THORNE**, are candidates for the office of Director in this Bank given due notice thereof, in terms of the Settlement.

COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND, LIMITED.
— BRANCHES of this Bank have recently opened at **GAYDAH and DALEY**, in the Colony of Queensland, for the transaction of all usual business.

COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY
SYDNEY.—Notice is hereby given that a Branch of this bank has been established at ARMIDALE, now open for the transaction of all usual banking business.
ROBERT NAFFER, Manager.
 Sydney, October 1.
SYDNEY INSURANCE COMPANY.—NOTICE

Shereby given, that the DIVIDEND, at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, on the paid up capital of the company, and a bonus of one shilling per share, due on the half-yearly general meeting of the shareholders on Wednesday, the 19th instant, will be payable at the office of the company, corner of Pitt and Hunter streets, on and after THURSDAY, the 20th instant.
By order of the Board,

October 19th, 1864.

MR. ROBERT JONES, Tailor and Hatter,
street, retiring from business in consequence
of ill health, having appointed the undersigned his true
and lawful successor, they beg to intimate
that all ACCOUNTS owing must be paid immediately to
us, in the shop, or to the collector, whose receipts

one of the trustees' signatures, will be sufficient dis-
L. and S. SPYER.
HORACE WOOLNO

THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore carried on
style or firm of SUMMERFIELD and
has been this day **DISSOLVED** by mutual
THOMAS CLARE will receive all moneys owing
late firm, and pay all the debts.

THOMAS SUMMER
THOMAS CLARE.
Witness—GEORGE EVANS, solicitor, Sydney.
September 21st, 1884

NOTICE.—The undersigned having Disposed of his interest in the Royal Hotel, respectfully
that all ACCOUNTS due to him be at once settled.
W. HUI

October 25.

EX-1 **HARRY CAUTION** the public not to credit on my account, for I will not be an
ANN SHEARMAN, Castlesburg-street.

D **DAVID NICHOLLS**, remove your things or be sold. **E. COOPER**, 20, Elizabeth-street.

STOLEN.—**EL REWARD.**—Light Bay MAR

LOST.—A Lady's PURSE, containing two papers, one silver. The finder will be rewarded by calling on it to Mr. JOHN SOLOMON, auctioneer, 303, G. St.

BUSINESS CARDS and WAGGONS made and repaired by D. C. WHATELEY, Coach and Cart Factory, n. e. cor. 1st and 2nd Sts., New York.

CARLES DE VISITE, true to nature, and
low price. LIDDELL and BLIZZ. 390, C
CARLES DE VISITE—two. 5s; four, 7s 6d
twelve, 15s. J. T. GORUS, 101, King-st
CLOCK GLASSES cut for the trade, at JON
9, Hunter-street.
H. LONG, Home Land Estate Commis

DR. BROKER, and Collector, REMOVED from Hunter-street to No. 103, Elizabeth-street, near and opposite Messrs. Allen, Bowden, and Allan's.

DR. BELISARIO will RESUME his PRACTICE 1 YONS-TERACE on the 1st December.

ESTABLISHED 21 years.—Corner of Pitt streets.—Dr. EMANUEL. Surgical and Medical.

FUNERALS.—Funerals performed on the most reasonable terms by Messrs. JOHN HILL and SONS, 10, King and Riley streets.

J will find excellent accommodation at HOWARD Hotel, Terras.

J JOHN G. COHEN, Tobacco Broker and Auctioneer. Purchases made and Sales effected. Orders attended to. Bank Auction Rooms, George-street.

K ENT LARDER, 164, Pitt-street. A broiler and a first-class dinner daily.

MR. W. STANLEY, Professor of Piano and Singing. 32, Campbell-street.

NOTICE.—VACCINATION gratis, at the 1 Macquarie-street, every day, at half-past

REMOVAL.—THE AUSTRALIAN M PROVIDENT SOCIETY will move to premises in NEW BOLT-STREET SYDNEY

REMOVAL—GEORGE MOSS, Wine & Spirit Merchant, from 26, Newmarket Road, to 10, St. Andrew's Street, London, E.C.

REMOVAL.—Mr. GEORGE EVANS,
Gold's chambers, King and Pitt streets.

SYDNEY CLOTH HALL Tailoring Establishment
REMOVED to 352, George-street. W. J. T.

SYDNEY GARDEN BRASSING CHANDLER

WILLINGTON, per *Minerva*, to London. Small parcels 1s. 1d., Prince-st.

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Bank of New South Wales
Commercial Bank
Debiture: Government and Colonial Co

WANTED:
A. B. N. Co.'s Shares
Gas Shares.
W. CHATFIELD, 81, New Fm



Department of Public Works.
Tenders for PUBLIC WORKS and SUPPLIES.
Tenders are invited for the following Public Works and Supplies: For full particulars see Government Gazette, a file of which is kept at every Police Office in the colony.
No tender will be taken into consideration unless the terms of the notice be strictly complied with.
The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Nature of Works and Supplies.

Permanent Way Materials.
Brick Tank, Court-house, East Maitland, Repairs, &c., Australian Museum.
Road Work, Parramatta-street.
Passenger Waiting Shed at Petersham Railway Station.

Great Southern Railway, Extension.
Petersham to Goulburn. Contract No. 7.
Great Western Railway, Extension. Petersham to Bathurst. Contract No. 4.
Bridge over Black's River, on the Armistead and Goulburn Roads. Contract No. 5.
Pier for Pitt Town and Wilberforce Ferry.
Ramps to Telegraph Station, West Maitland.

ARTHUR T. HOLROYD.
TENDERS FOR PROVINCIAL AUCTIONEERS.
Tenders will be received at the Office of the Commissioner-General in Auckland, till noon on TUESDAY the 27th of December, 1864, for the supply of FRESH MEAT (beef and mutton) to the troops in the Province of Auckland, for the year from 1st April, 1865, till 31st March, 1866.

The contractor will be bound to issue the killed meat in detail to the troops at all places where they may be required, and to the Commissariat General or officer authorized by him, to do so.

Payment will be made monthly for the quantities shown on the Commissariat accounts as having been received.

For further information, apply at the Commissariat Office, Sydney.

THE SOUTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.
Incorporated under the Company Statute, 1864.
Head Office, 35, Queen-street, Melbourne.
Subscribed Capital, £1,000,000.
Paid-up Capital, £200,000.
Directors:
The Hon. S. G. Henty, Chairman.
The Hon. J. B. Henty, Esq., of Melbourne, Bligh, Harbottle, Vice-Chairman.
J. H. Blackwood, of Melbourne, Messrs. Blackwood, and Co.
Frederick Lamb, of Melbourne, Messrs. Lamb, and Co.
James Lorimer, of Melbourne, Messrs. Lorimer, Marwood, and Co.
John W. Smith.
H. William Kerr Thompson, of Melbourne, Messrs. James M'Kean and Co.
James Turnbull, of Melbourne, Messrs. P. Turnbull and Co.
Philip White, of Melbourne, Messrs. White, Holmes, and Co.

The undersigned, having been appointed agents pro tem. for the above Company, are prepared to take marine risks, on every description, at the lowest current rates. Losses payable at the option of the assured, either at the Head Office in Melbourne, or at any of the agencies of the Company in Great Britain or the colonies.

BLIGH, HARBOTTLE, and CO., 15, Macquarie-place, Sydney.

THE AUSTRALIAN GENERAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.
The Australian General Assurance Company are now prepared to effect insurances against loss by FIRE.

HENRY T. FOX, Secretary.
131, Pitt-street, Sydney, 1st September.

THE MARINE INVESTMENT COMPANY.
Limited.
Capital, £500,000, in 20,000 shares of £25 each, with power to increase.
First issue, £100,000.
Chairman—Captain R. W. Pelly, R.N.
Deputy Chairman—Henry Alfred O'Connell, Esq.

DIRECTORS:
James Bowman, Esq.
Alexander Calder, Esq.
Adel Chapman, Esq.
James Davidson, Esq.
Ambrose Emerson, Esq.
Henry Fox, Esq.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TONGUE COAL MINING COMPANY AND AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT OF THE COLONY OF NEW SOUTH WALES IN 19th VICTORIA No. 19.
WILLIAMS vs. THE TONGUE COAL MINING COMPANY.
Court bearing date the fourth day of August in the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four in the matter of the Tongue Coal Mining Company and an Act of Parliament of the colony of New South Wales 19th Victoria No. 19. It was amongst other things ordered that it be referred to the Chief Commissioner of Insolvency of the colony of New South Wales to inquire into the state of the affairs of the said company and to report thereon to the Court.

The said Chief Commissioner of Insolvency has reported to the Court that the said company is insolvent and that the assets of the said company are not sufficient to pay the debts of the said company.

The Court has ordered that the said company be wound up and that the assets of the said company be sold for the payment of the debts of the said company.

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GREAT SALE OF SALVAGE STOCK THIS DAY.

ARNDEN AND EDMONDSON, 85, King-street.

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NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at twenty-seven minutes past three o'clock.

MR. LAYCOCK (BARRAMATTA GAOL.)—I, as it is the duty of the members of the Parliament, to inform the House that the Barramatta Gaol is now open for the reception of prisoners.

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ment of a colleague proved to be corrupt or unworthy, his disappearance is the necessity of his self-created position, and the dark stain upon his name will for ever exclude him from power.

The Ministers by this course are responsible—not for the error, but for the honour of their colleague. If they confided in him, they were entitled from the office he held to do so. They cannot be expected to know severally the character, history, and qualifications of all the persons whose names were submitted. It is sufficient to abjure the transaction which is spotted with corruption. But it may be asked—Does not a serious mistake create or cause sufficient call for resignation, even where there may have been no corruption? We certainly think so.

It is, however, necessary to see how far the rule will fairly take us, and whether it does not necessarily change the whole character of Ministerial life. How is it possible for any man to carry on extensive private affairs requiring much accommodation, and money transactions, in a small community, without being often liable to violent suspicion? Is it to be laid down as a principle that no Minister of the Crown is to confer an office or dignity on his clients, if a lawyer; or on his customers, if a merchant; or on his directors if a discount? Is this to enforce his silence or withdrawal when the names and claims of such persons are under discussion? It is not worth while to uphold decisions on such subjects, or to lay down rules which are utterly incompatible with the state of facts. Eight years ago a resolution was submitted by Mr. MARTIN—

"That it is highly improper for any of Her Majesty's Ministers in this colony to be connected directly or indirectly with the management of any private banking, insurance, loan, or mercantile establishment whatever." (2.) That it is highly improper for any of Her Majesty's Ministers in this colony to be connected with the management of the public finances, to be a director, or in any way connected with, any private banking, insurance, loan, or mercantile establishment whatsoever. That any resolutions bearing resolutions be embodied in an address, and presented to his Excellency the Governor-General."

This motion was got rid of by the "previous question," it being found that the Minister had resigned office as bank director. In 1853 a similar motion was carried unanimously on this subject. Mr. MARTIN observed:—

"What position would the Finance Minister, or any other Minister, occupy who chanced to be connected with a bank which, in a transaction with the Government, should get the preference over all others? The public and the Council might have the fullest confidence in the integrity of the Minister or Ministers so situated, yet they (the Ministers) would lay themselves open to the most serious suspicions and imputations."

Sir STUART DONALDSON gave up business as a merchant in deference to the celebrated CASSAN's wife precedent, and set, therefore, an example which will be often obstructive to the public service, where scrupulous men are concerned, and illusory in most cases. The colonies do not yield a class of men having fortunes and leisure to devote to public affairs; at all events they have little chance of being chosen by the people. The only sort of persons who will commonly unite the conditions of popular choice and freedom from business is the ragged and ragamuffin class, with patches behind and grease before, whose loud impudence must be stifled at the public expense. These restrictions are strongly reprobated at the time when they were suggested, of course they can only, in the uncertainty of office, prevent any man serving the country who has not made up his mind to renounce a mercantile position. It is not possible to prevent men from abusing their trust—they will do so if they are so minded; and the facilities for it are only one cause of actual corruption. The incitement is often found in the embarrassments and poverty of the Ministers and their moral poverty crasies.

We repeat that whether or not the conduct of Mr. HOLROYDE be pure in itself, such charges are not refuted by a *tu quoque*. When, however, the general subject is weighed by the public at large, the accusation necessarily rebounds in the direction of the accusers. *Et tu, Brute!* will be the exclamation as Mr. ARNOLD or Mr. KENNEDY reveals each his innocent face. We may suppose the person personified asking an account of the employment of persons, their salaries, and running over the long list of jobs, appointments, and nominations; and demanding of the members, one by one, to explain their business relations, their bill transactions, their love affairs, their private understandings and promises! If often they would not shrink away at the challenge it would be because the fuller license of colonial life inspires with greater assurance, and that, instead of abhorring a detected sinner, they are satisfied with having a laugh at his expense. They have no objection, perhaps, to the deed, but a good deal to the awkwardness of a novice or the rash confidence of an adept. *Deprendi miserum est*—"It is a dreadful thing to be caught."

THE Report of the Commissioners of National Education is so far satisfactory that it indicates progress. True, the progress is not so considerable as we should like to hear of, or as the needs of the country demand, but at a time in our history when in some respects we have to confess to retrogression, it is satisfactory to find that in the matter of education there has been no retrogression, even though that advance should have been limited. There has been far more progress in the operations that it has since more pupils than last year, and 2333 more pupils. Year by year there has been a continuous increase, and the rate of increase too is somewhat greater than in previous years. The Board can do nothing without money, and the extent of its operation has always been limited by the vote of Parliament. More money has ever been the cry, and in almost every Report it has been reported that there are openings neglected and applications dismissed for want of funds. In judging, therefore, of the efficiency of the Board and of the system, we must not so much compare its results with the needs of the colony as compare its results with the means at its disposal. Beginning in 1848 with four schools and about 120 children, it had attained in 1863 to 214 schools and 15,725 children. The average attendance, however, was not more than 10,973. Property to the value of £100,000 is vested in the Board, and is of course the property of the nation, so that out of the money annually voted for education we have still this substantial residuum. The total cost of the education of each child is elevenpence more than two pence. Eight years ago the cost was about double this, but there has been a steady decrease in the average cost in proportion as the Board has extended its operations. Any further decrease in the cost can scarcely be expected to take place; yet, because the further operations of the Board must lie mainly in the rural parts, and in these parts education is relatively the most expensive. Free selection has probably done something to scatter the population. Many families have moved from their recent localities to take up new ground, and the children have been thus removed from the reach of established

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I hope some of your correspondents will take leisure to mention what methods they adopted, and the results. I assure you I will have much pleasure in acquainting you in January next (D.V.), that I have reaped a crop of wheat free from rust.

